

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009  
LOUISVILLE AT WORK TEAM**

**Team Leaders Meeting Summary  
June 15, 2009**

- Rick Johnstone called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees and guests. Following discussion of the meeting schedule, it was the consensus of the group to continue meeting on Monday mornings, but to move the meeting time to 10:30 a.m. Following the initial phase of stimulus funding, meetings will be held on a monthly basis.
- Kim Allen presented an update on the status of competitive grants noting that the Metro United Way will be the lead agency on the Strengthening Communities/ Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant. Two new grants have been added to the status tracking chart—Kentucky Housing & Emergency Assistance Reaching the Homeless (application deadline of July 14) and the Victims of Crime Act (July 24<sup>th</sup> deadline). She reported that the Jefferson County Attorney's Office will likely apply for a VOCA grant to support the Domestic Violence Intake Center.
- Members received copies of new documents, which provide a summary of ARRA formula and competitive grant opportunities for Metro Louisville, related agencies, and external agencies. The documents were compiled to provide a comprehensive listing of grant activities in a manner that can be easily understood by all parties. Team leaders were asked to review the documents and relay revisions to staff. The documents will be posted on the web after revisions have been made.
- In regard to Accountability and Oversight, Beth Niblock advised that the Recovery Board is working on a software package for reporting data on the spending of stimulus funds. It is anticipated that the reporting requirement will begin in October. A two-tier strategy is also underway to overhaul the federal Recovery.gov website. No specific information on data elements or the reporting process has been released to date.
- Rick Johnstone distributed copies of a new draft brochure outlining the benefits of the stimulus package for individuals, including tax implications. The document has been sent out to faith-based and non-profit groups and will be posted on the Louisville at Work web page. Members discussed other possible avenues for distributing the information to the public including press releases; distribution via e-mail through established groups, i.e. Louisville Asset Building Coalition and neighborhood organizations; and discussion/distribution during the Mayor's Community Conversations.
- Rick Johnstone introduced Marisa Neal, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Small Business Services Division, to present information on efforts to ensure that small businesses are being included in stimulus projects. She is one of two consultants who travel statewide for the Kentucky Procurement Assistance Program (KPAP). The KPAP program provides free training and assistance to small businesses to ensure that tax dollars stay in Kentucky. The program has approximately 2000 clients across the Commonwealth. Small businesses may receive help with registration to become a federal vendor; explanation of federal

regulations and requirements; access to networking and market research; and assistance with certifications. Businesses can also receive free access to local, state and federal posted solicitations, including military, international, and subcontracting opportunities. Ms. Neal agreed to send attendees her contact information and a copy of her presentation.

- Team leaders were asked to present progress reports on new developments or activities.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for June 29th at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 106.